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Customer No. 27752

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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Claim 1. (*Currently Amended*) A catamenial tampon comprising: a bag-like conformable absorbent body, said tampon having an outer surface, an inner surface, a head portion, and a trailing portion and withdrawal string; said inner surface of said tampon defining an interior of said tampon wherein said head portion is closed; said head portion having a width of about 1.5 cm to about 8 cm; and said trailing portion defines an opening into said interior of said tampon, said trailing portion having a width of about 1 cm to 3 cm; said tampon having a shape modulus of compression of less than 0.05 pounds force; wherein said withdrawal string is attached to said head portion of said absorbent body.

Claim 2. (*Cancelled*)

Claim 3. (*Cancelled*)

Claim 4. (*Currently Amended*) The tampon of Claim 2 1 wherein at least a portion of said withdrawal string is disposed within said interior of said tampon.

Claim 5. (*Cancelled*)

Claim 6. (*Original*) The tampon of Claim 1 wherein said tampon comprises an absorbent material selected from the group consisting of: rayon, cotton, superabsorbent material, and blends thereof.